

Minutes of the BRUISYARD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday, 12th September 2011, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Rendham Road, Bruisyard Street.

Present: The Clerk, Peter Robinson (Chairman), John Marten, John McKee, Thelma Barham and Jeremy Holland-Howes. District Councillor Graham Peck

AGENDA

1) Apologies for absence:- James Ingmire and Pcos Mary Thompson

2) Minutes of the last meetings:- The minutes of the last meeting have already been circulated and read. John McKee proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 11th July 2011 be accepted and John Marten seconded this proposal. All were in favour.

3) Matters arising:- John Marten has contacted the highways department concerning the 30mph signs and a letter has been written to make the request to move the signs. John Marten signed the letter on behalf on the Council and the Clerk will email this to the appropriate department.

4) Village Hall Sub-Committee Report:- Since the last Parish Council meeting the village hall committee have met twice, 1st August and 5th September 2011. The invoice for the lighting is still outstanding and the Secretary has made Simmons aware of this.

Expenditure in the last two months has included purchase of smaller tables and a replacement water boiler as the existing one has broken and is not repairable. Other expenditure includes having the cesspool emptied and a service contract for the heating system. There will be an invoice for repair of the heating system. The insurance for the Hall is due and there will be the Hall's portion of the audit fee to pay on completion of the audit.

The heating system has not been working as the back-up heater has failed for the second time. Sapphire Cooling Services have repaired the system and it is hoped that there will be no more problems.

A program of fund raising events has been mapped out for the rest of the year to raise funds for the above considerable expenditure.

5) Financial Matters:-

John McKee proposed that financial transactions a) b) and d) to m) were all in order and Peter Robinson seconded this proposal. All Agreed and a cheques to Dennington Hall Farms and 2 cheques to Suffolk Acre Services were duly written and signed.

a) To have paid ADM Systems £139.80 on 1st August from the Barclays Village Hall account for filters for the heat exchange system.

b) To have donate on 1st August £269 to Help for Heroes from the Barclays Parish Council current account which was all the proceeds from the fund raising event on 24th July

c) BDO, the external auditors, wrote to the Clerk asking for the fixed assets to be amended on the annual return so they show no inflationary increase in value. There has been a change in requirements so that each item on the asset register is recorded at its original purchase cost. The

clerk has amended the supporting statement for 2010/2011 accordingly and circulated a copy to all Members. Thelma Barham proposed that the amended statement be accepted by the Council and Jeremy Holland-Howes seconded the proposal. All agreed and the Chairman and the Clerk signed the amended statement.

d) To have refunded to David Smith £280.72 from the Barclays Village Hall account on 20th July for the purchase from Nisbits of 6 tables

e) To have refunded to David Smith £312 the Barclays Village Hall account on 16th August for the purchase of a new water boiler from Commercial Equipment Direct.

f) To have paid £50.40 to the Performing Rights Society Ltd from the Barclays Village Hall account for the right to play music.

g) To have paid by direct debit to E-on for village hall electricity £15.37 on 1st August and £29.61 on 25th August from the Barclays Village Hall account.

h) To pay Suffolk Acre Services £331.67 from the Barclays PC account for the PC insurance and £505.77 from the Barclays Village Hall account for Village Hall buildings insurance.

i) To pay Dennington Hall Farms £10 from the Barclays Village Hall account for the Village Hall car park rent.

j) To have paid £320 to A.A. Turner from the Barclays Village Hall account on 30th August to empty the septic tank at the Village Hall.

k) To have reimbursed £70 to Mrs Brooks from the Barclays Village Hall account on 15th August as refund of the deposit for hiring the hall.

l) To have paid £100 to Suffolk Coastal District Council from the Barclays PC current account on 29th July for election expenses.

m) To have paid £132 to Sapphire Cooling Services Ltd from the Barclays Village Hall account on 6th September for the heating service contract for the year.

n). Santander accounts:- When statements were received by the Clerk stating a zero balance on the accounts she wrote a letter to Santander closing the current and the reserve accounts and asked for any interest from the reserve account to be transferred to the Village Hall account, this amounted to 6p.

The change of mandates forms for the Barclays bank accounts were completed and sent off over a month ago but John Marten, Thelma Barham and the Clerk have not received written confirmation implementation by the bank. The clerk will follow up on this matter.

6) Park:- a) John Marten reported that the grass has been cut 4 times since the last meeting. The rate of growth is now slowing up but it will require cutting for another 4 – 6 weeks.

b) A friend of James Ingmire, Paul Ferguson, has contacted the Chairman and offered, as a wedding present to James and Petra, to pay for the purchase of the red oak to be planted for the Queens Jubilee. A cheque for £145 has been received to purchase a 3.5 meter tree. The tree will be purchased from Crown Nurseries and planted in November to give it time to settle in before spring. A plaque to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and the marriage of James and Petra will be arranged next year. John Marten will contact Crown Nurseries as to the availability of the tree and get a quote for them to planting it. John will assess the problem of planting the tree and if possible it will be carried out by the Members.

John Marten on behalf of Bruisyard Parish Council applied to the Woodland Trust for one of their Community Tree Packs which comprises of 105 hedging plans and an oak tree. He will hear in October if the application is successful.

7) Coming events and dates:- The following events have been arranged and help and support will be asked for when and if necessary:-

Country & Western evening: Sat 24 September

Beerfest: The evenings of Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October

Harvest Supper: Sat 29th October, this will be run jointly by BSAC and Bruisyard PCC

Bonfire Night Party: Saturday 5th November with a bonfire, fireworks, baked potatoes and BBQ

Sixties evening: Saturday 26th November, a dance in aid of BYP with the Bruisyard Light Orchestra playing.

There is also monthly film nights arranged with a program of films set out for the next 6 months.

A new regular event is cribbage and social evening every other Tuesday starting on 20th September.

8) Mobile library consultation:- The Council has received a consultation document and questionnaire to ascertain use of the Mobile Library. The County Council wish to reduce the number of mobile libraries they operate and plan to cut the number of stops they make, especially in the towns where there is a static library. The frequency of the stops is also under review. The questionnaire is designed for an individual to complete so John McKee as a user of the mobile library agreed to complete it and also make other users of the mobile library in the village aware of the consultation.

9) Filling councillor vacancy and replacement of the Clerk:- two residents, Steve Stowe and Susan Marshall have been approached and agreed that they would be willing to be co-opted as a councillor. The Members voted to ask Susan Marshall to be a member as she lives in an unrepresented part of the village and her co-option will address the imbalance of male to female members. The Clerk will inform her of the PC's decision and arrange for all the formalities to be carried out before the next meeting. Thelma Barham will inform Steve Stowe of the Members decision and thank him for his interest.

The Clerks from Badingham and Rendham have been asked in emails if they would be willing to become clerk for Bruisyard as well as their own villages but neither of them replied.

10) Update on Heritage Housing Properties:- Suffolk Coastal District Council is pursuing a court action to establish the title to the land next to 4 Vicarage Cottages, a Heritage property, as the tenant has repeatedly refused to vacate the land which they believe she has no title to. The tenant continues to use the land digging holes and building sheds on it. The Parish Council has at last received a letter from Flagship Housing concerning 2 Rendham Road informing them that no decision about the future of the property has been taken as yet and the Council will be informed of any decision they make. They are seeking funding to remodel the property to a modern standard. The Members expressed their frustration that the property is not being rented out even though it does not have central heating at present

They were also contacted about 3 Rendham Road which is also vacant due to the breakup of the tenant's marriage about a month ago but they have only just cleaned out the house and handed in the keys. The Members will monitor what happens to this property.

11) Date of next meeting:- 14th November

12) Miscellaneous Items:- Out door play space Contributions annual statement has been received and Bruisyard has £2930.84 as its play group balance and £5697.40 in the Sports Group balance

The school bus route has changed for the afternoon journey and children are now dropped off on Low Road near Oak Barn Farm.

John Marten proposed that a leaving party and presentation evening be held to say goodbye to the Berwicks who move from the village to Cornwall in mid October. The date of Thursday 6th Oct at 7:00 was suggested to present Eleanor Berwick, Shirley Smith and Margaret West with plaster plaques of the Church. The Members will provide nibbles and wine will be served. The Chairman will check the date is convenient for those receiving the presentations and an invitation to the residents of the village will be put in the newsletter for October. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

Pc Mary Thompson was unable to attend but sent a report:-

1ST JULY 2011 – 31st AUGUST 2011

There were 2 recorded crimes for this period:-

1 x Dangerous Dog causing injury in a public place – Mill Lane

1 x Theft - from Motor Vehicle - parked in owners drive, window broken and 2 chainsaws taken

The previous year there were 0 reported crimes.

Crime Trend:-

Thefts of scrap metal, copper, lead etc are also occurring – bottom line – secure any valuables – sheds and outbuildings need to be secured and consider buying a shed alarm.

Graham Peck – District Councillor:-

The District Councillor briefed the Members on the draft National Planning Policy Framework. This is the bill which the government is bring forward to simplify the planning rules. At present the legislation exists in a number of documents that have built up over the years which amount to 1,000 pages. The new legislation will cut this down to just a document of 52 pages. It is hoped that this will simplify matters and make processing planning application quicker.

Suffolk Preservation Society, The National Trust and other conservation groups are concerned that this will mean the end of protection for the green belts and other sensitive sites around the country. The phrase which is concerning many people is ‘presumption in favour of sustainable development’. He is going to be updated as to what the implications are for the District later in the month.

There have been concerns expressed about the amount of ragwort on the roadside of the A12. The highways department states that they will clear those parts of the A12 roadside where the farmers clear their adjacent fields. This was a notifiable weed at one time but this legislation has been repealed and the weed has now become very prevalent in the Suffolk countryside. The Chairman thanked Graham Peck for coming to the meeting